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The City of Seat Pleasant Mayor, Eugene W. Grant, and the Town of Capital Heights Mayor Kito James, hosted a Breakfast Meet and Greet at the Seat Pleasant Activity Center on Monday, November 22. The Breakfast featured Prince Georges County Executive Elect, Mr. Rushern Baker, State's Attorney Elect, Ms Angela D. Alsobrooks, Esq., Sheriff Elect Melvin C. High, and Prince George's County Councilmember Elect – District 7, Ms Karen Toles. The Breakfast meeting is just one of the many planned efforts to begin the next political cycle with discussions that will move towards establishing working relationships with the newly elected Prince Georges County officials and the City of Seat Pleasant "A City of Excellence" and the Town of Capital Heights.

Seat Pleasant MD – Monday, November 22 from 7:30 AM. At the Seat Pleasant Activity Center the Seat Pleasant-Mayor Eugene W. Grant and Capital Heights Mayor Kito James, hosted a Breakfast Meet and Greet at the Seat Pleasant Activity Center. The Breakfast featured speakers Mr. Rushern Baker, Prince Georges County Executive Elect, Ms Angela D. Alsobrooks, Esq., State's Attorney Elect, Melvin C. High, Sheriff Elect and Ms. Karen Toles, Prince George's County Councilmember Elect – District 7.

Among the invited guests were Representative Leaders of the Community, Former Elected Officials, Non- Profit Organizations and Small Business Owners of the communities of The City of Seat Pleasant, A City of Excellence, and the Town of Capital Heights.

During the breakfast County Executive Elect Rushern Baker spoke of what his plans were for the county with great conviction. He spoke of providing opportunities for Prince George's county children to get a good education while holding onto our best and brightest teachers, opportunities for green communities with green jobs, partnering the County with the Cities by investing in Cities with County monies, being a County leader in the effort to improve access to health care and investing in the technology to improve City and County Staff communication. Overall, Mr. Baker's message focused on a County/ City Partnership with plans to turn all Prince Georges County Cities into all that they can be.

State's Attorney Elect, Ms Angela D. Alsobrooks, Esq. focused on firmness and fairness in the seeking of justice. She said that "each of us has a right to have a safe community and that the best way to fight crime is to prevent crime". Ms Alsobrooks also shared great news of plans to open a Family Justice Center in

Prince Georges County in order provide resources that "break the cycle of violence" and also her mandate to her prosecutors to adopt a Prince Georges County school and schedule regular visits.

Prince George's County Councilmember Elect – District 7 Ms Karen Toles, spoke of "one community" and "one vision". She spoke of the great need of resources and funding in Prince Georges County communities.

Sheriff Elect Melvin High spoke of a Safe and Protected Community, accountability via a process where citizens can hold the Sheriff's Office accountable and Accreditation to meet the highest standards in his profession. Mr. High spoke of his mandate of regular meetings with all chiefs in various municipalities and is striving for a regional process to capture community issues particular to the actual community. He believes that people closest to the problem know the issues best.

Overall, the breakfast meeting provided a good first start in County Elect Rushers Baker's goal to "turn a good county into a great county".

Mayor Grant of Seat Pleasant said that Seat Pleasant is poised and positioned to be a "great community". Mayor Gant went on to say, "Today marked the beginning of a great partnership between Seat Pleasant and the newly elected county leadership." and "During these challenging economic times it is important that municipal leadership works closely with the county leadership to provide effective and quality governance for the people whom we serve."

It is the goal of The Mayors of Seat Pleasant and the Town of Capital Heights is to continue to collaborate with the newly Elected County officials to find workable solutions to the many tough issues facing their communities to improve quality of life for all citizens.

Seat Pleasant: "A City of Excellence" is one of Maryland's 157 municipalities with a population of 5,000 residents, 100 businesses, 13 houses of faith, and 20 non-profit organizations. The Seat Pleasant government has a mayor, seven member city council and 35 government employees operating a \$3.2 million dollar budget.